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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST:RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE USG TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

1.(U) This is an urgent action request. See para 2. The appointment of members to the Committee on Conferences (CoC) will be held on Thursday November 15, 2007. The USG is concluding the last year of its three year appointment, which will expire on December 31, 2007. The USG is eligible for immediate re-appointment for another three year term.

2.(U) Action request. The CoC, consisting of 21 members from the five regional groups, is responsible for all matters relating to conference servicing at the UN. Conference services account for nearly 20 percent of the UN regular budget. As the major contributor to the UN, the U.S. takes great interest in ensuring these resources are well spent and are consistent with reform initiatives to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services. Accordingly, USUN recommends that the Department authorize USUN to submit the USG candidature for the CoC for the 2008-10 term, as soon as possible. USUN proposes to notify the Chairman (Turkey) of the Western European and Other States Group (WEOG) of the USG decision to present its candidature for re-appointment to the CoC. The next WEOG meeting is scheduled for later this week. USUN will also send a diplomatic note to the Secretary-General, if appropriate, submitting the USG

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nomination for transmission to the General Assembly.  
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